

## **REMARKS**

### **Claim Objection**

By the Office Action dated July 28, 2005, the Examiner has objected to claim 14 “because of the following informalities: the terminology ‘of’ should be inserted in front of ‘the document’ in the first step ‘determining an online id associated with at least one author the document’.” (See Office Action, page 2, paragraph 4.) The Examiner then asserted that “[a]ppropriate correction is required.” (See Office Action, page 2, paragraph 4.) Claim 14 has been amended for clarification purposes only. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the amendment to claim 14. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to claim 14 has been overcome.

### **35 U.S.C. § 112 Claim Rejections**

By the Office Action dated July 28, 2005, the Examiner has rejected claims 14-19 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as “being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements.” (See Office Action, page 2, paragraph 6.) The Examiner then asserted that “[i]n particular, claim 14, the step of retrieving a document from an Internet is omitted.” (See Office Action, page 2, paragraph 6.)

#### **Claim 14**

Claim 14 has been amended for clarification purposes only. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the amendment to claim 14. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 14, as amended, complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

#### **Claims 15, 16, and 18**

Since dependent claims 15, 16, and 18 depend on independent claim 14 and since claim 14 complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15, 16, and 18 comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

#### **Claim 17**

Since dependent claim 17 depends on dependent claim 15 and since claim 15 complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 17 complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

#### **Claims 19 and 31**

Since dependent claims 19 and 31 depend on dependent claim 16 and since claim 16 complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 19 and 31 comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

**Conclusion**

5           It is therefore clear that claims 1-31 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, and 112. The application is therefore in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully solicited.

          In the event that any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 408-927-3377.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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